

323.35634X00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: NUBER et al

Serial No.:

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Title: COVERING DEVICE FOR AN OPENING IN THE
OUTER SHELL OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

Group:

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 12, 1997

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "one of the claims" and insert --claim--;

line 1, delete "or";

line 2, delete "2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "one of the claims" and insert --claim--;

line 1, delete "to";

line 2, delete "3".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one of the claims" and insert --claim--;

line 1, delete "to";

line 2, delete "4".

Claim 8, line 1, delete "or 7".

Claim 9, line 1, delete "one of the claims 6 to" and insert --claim--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "one of the claims" and insert --claim--;

line 1, delete "to";

line 2, delete "9".

Claim 11, line 1, delete "one of the claims" and insert --claim--;

line 1, delete "to";

line 2, delete "10".

Claim 12, line 1, delete "one of the claims" and insert --claim--;

line 1, delete "to";

line 2, delete "11".

Claim 13, line 1, delete "one of the claims" and insert --claim--;

line 1, delete "to";

line 2, delete "12".

Claim 14, line 1, delete "one of the claims" and insert --claim--;

line 1, delete "to";

line 2, delete "13".

Claim 15, line 6, delete "to one of the claims" and insert --claim--;

line 6, delete "to 14".

Claim 17, line 1, delete "or 16".

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits of this application.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 323.35634X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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